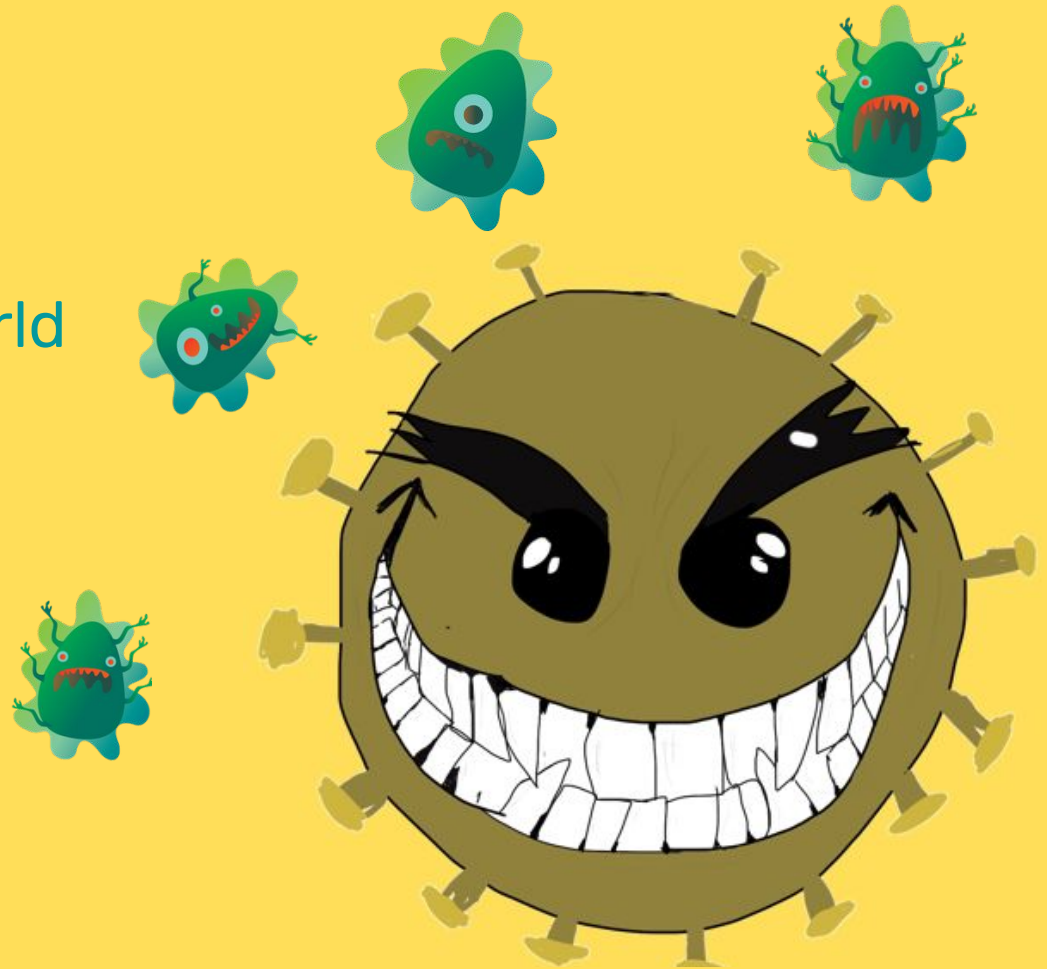
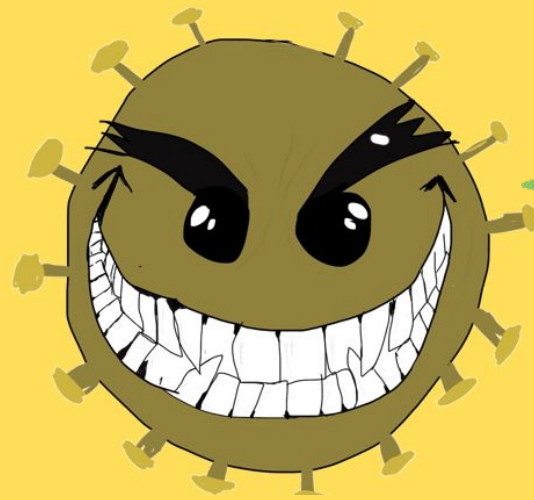


CORY COVID

The meanest germ in the world



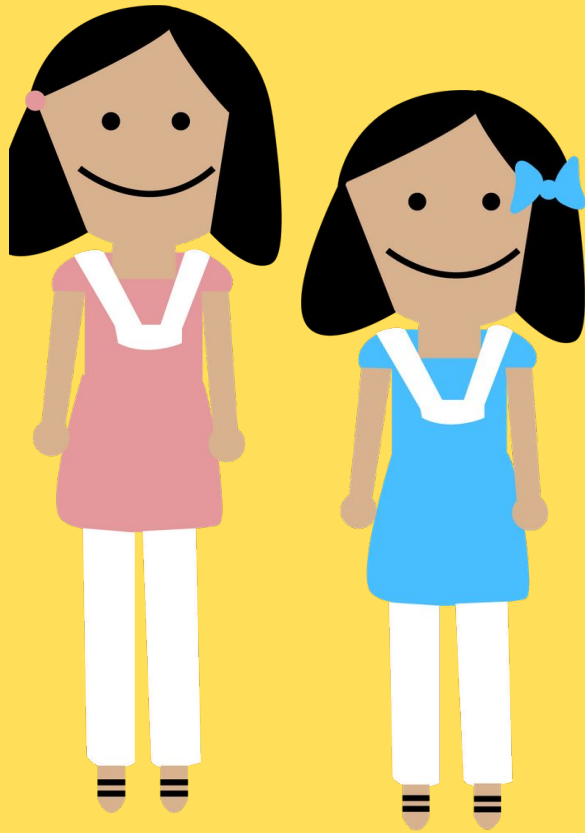
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I AM CORY COVID,
THE MEANEST GERM
IN THE WORLD!

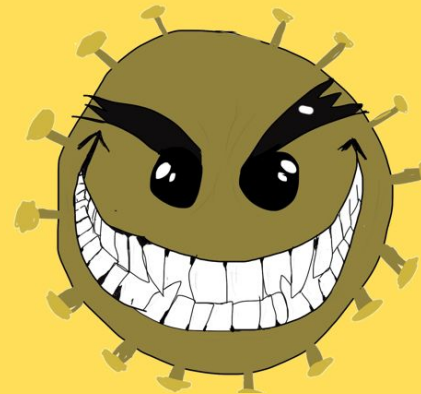
Cory loves getting people sick.
He is hard to stop because he
is too small to see.

Natasha and Anika are sisters. They are the healthiest children in the world.



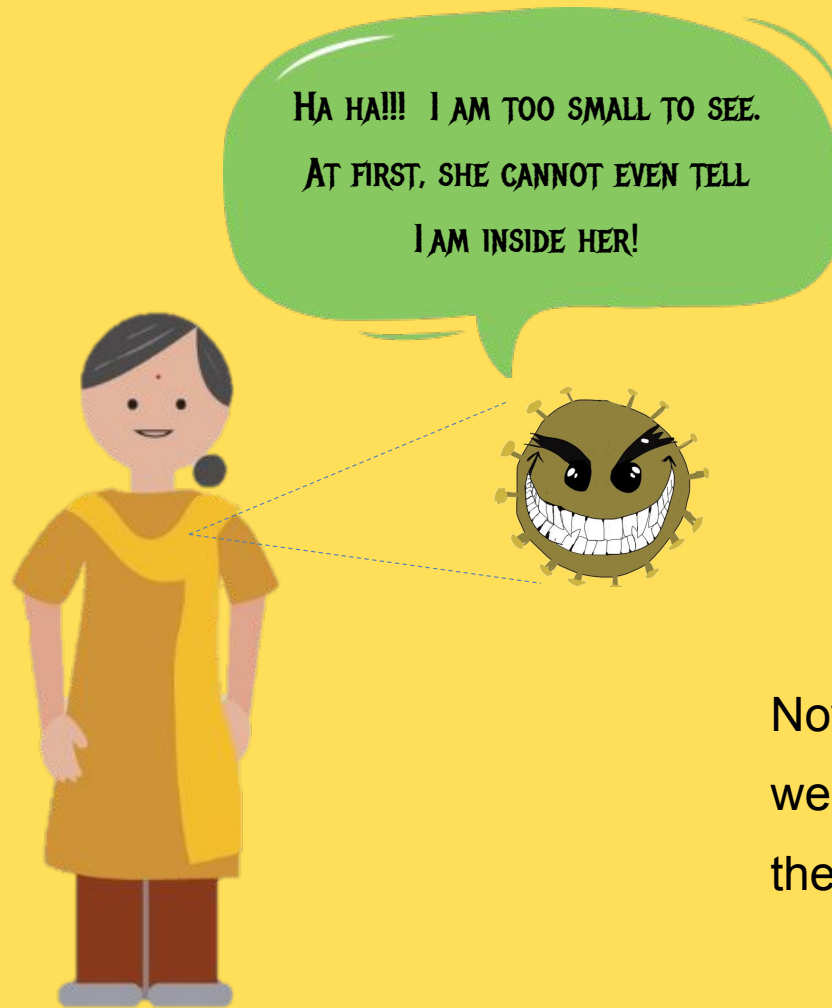
They always wash hands with soap when they come home, after using the toilet, and before eating.

No germ has EVER gotten them sick.



I WILL DO
EVERYTHING I CAN
TO GET THEM
SICK.

Cory had a plan. He knew Auntie was returning home in a few days, so he infected Auntie.

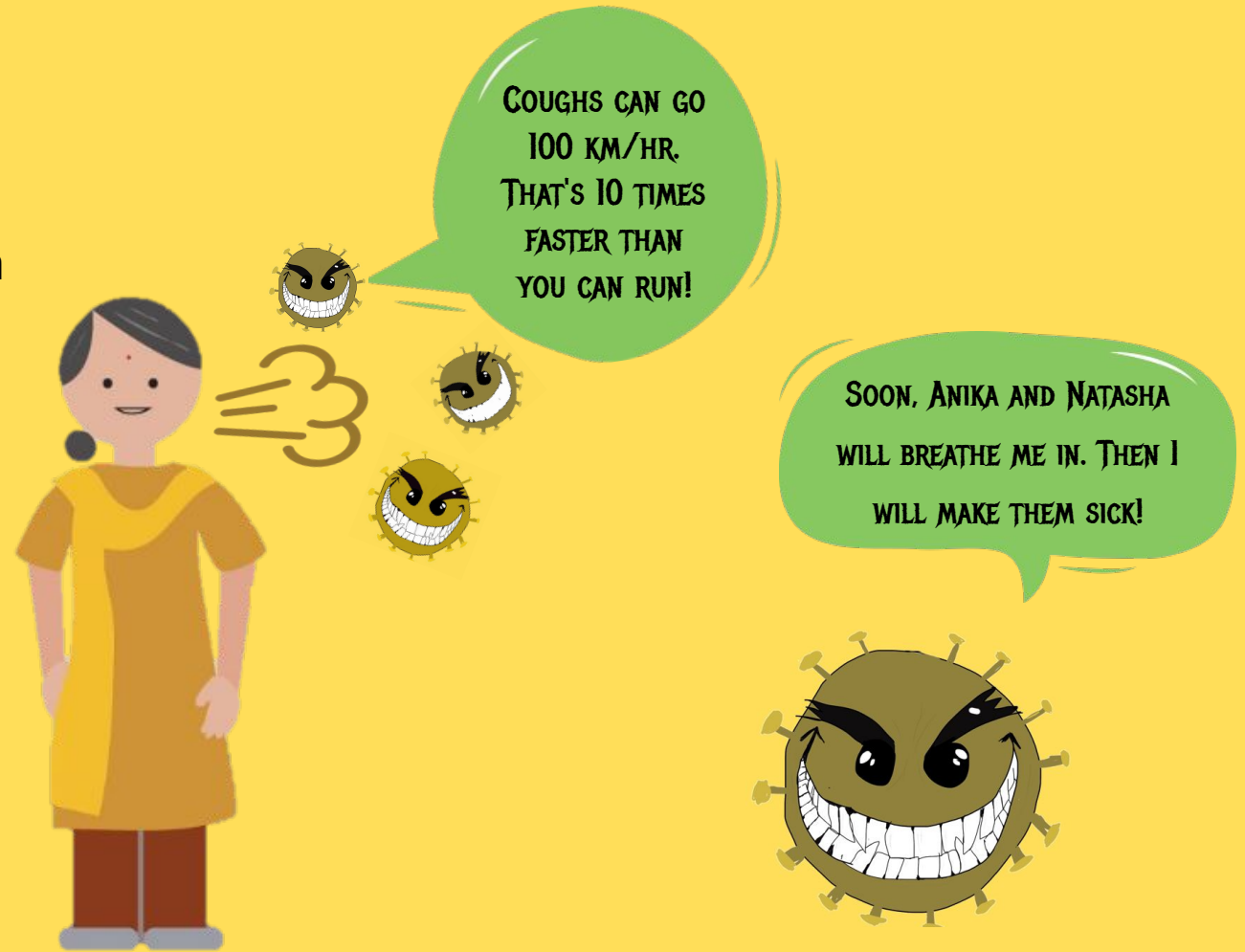


Now, everywhere Auntie went, Cory would be there, too.

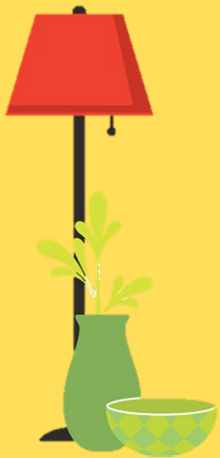
When Auntie came in
the house, so did Cory!



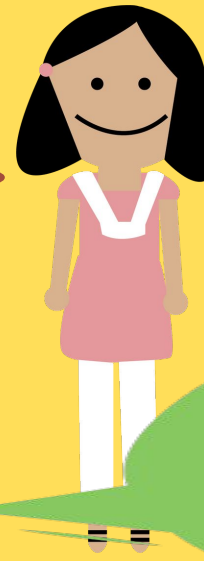
Cory made Auntie cough. He was now in the air.



Auntie, we are so glad you are here. We'll stay two meters apart until we know none of us are ill.



← 2 meters →



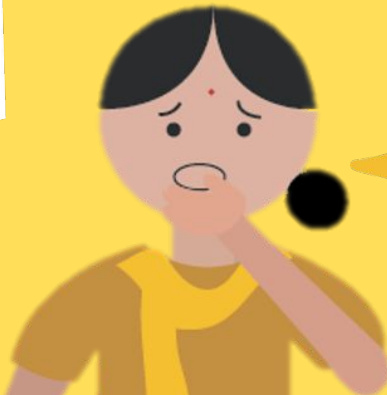
**I NEVER REACHED NATASHA.
SHE IS MEAN TO GERMS!**

Cory was not worried. He knew Auntie would soon cough again.

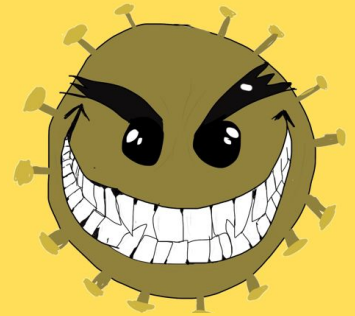
Auntie, please cover your cough and sneeze. We don't want germs to spread.



I am happy to cover my cough and sneeze. Ahh-CHOO!

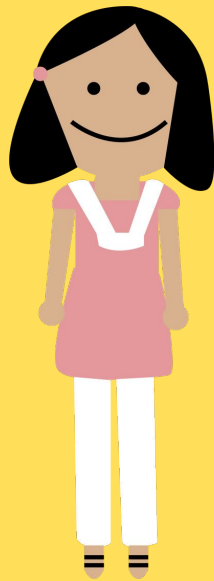


HA, HA. WHEN AUNTIE TOUCHES ANYTHING, SHE WILL SPREAD ME, CORY COVID! YAY!



But, Natasha was paying attention...

Auntie, we do not want germs on your hands. Be sure to wash hands with soap!



Why?



The soap kills all the COVID germs! Be sure to wash for at least 20 seconds!

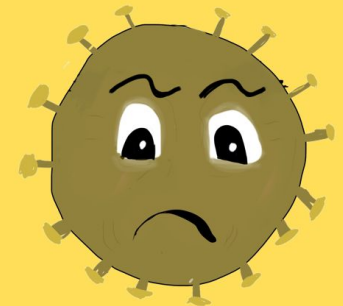


20 sec



When Auntie washed her hands for 20 seconds, Cory lost, again.

OH, NO!
GERMS LIKE ME
HATE SOAP!



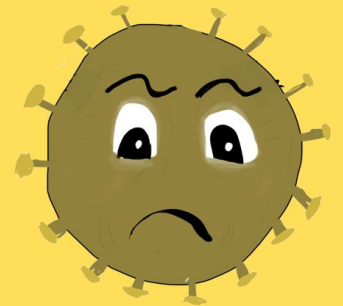
Later, Auntie coughed into her hand again.

Always cough into your elbow. That stops germs from spreading.

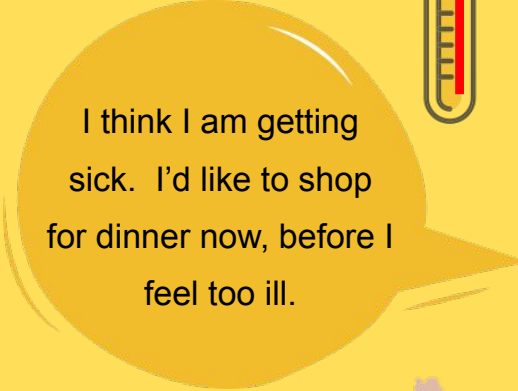


WHEN AUNTIE COVERED HER COUGH WITH HER ELBOW, I COULD NOT FLY. I WAS SO SAD!

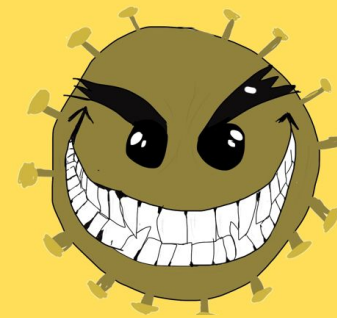
I WAS NOT WORRIED. I AM CORY COVID, THE GREATEST GERM IN THE WORLD!



After lunch, Auntie was not feeling well.

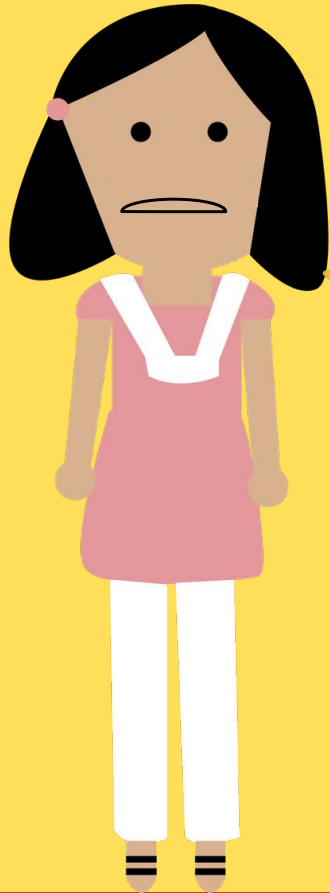


I think I am getting sick. I'd like to shop for dinner now, before I feel too ill.



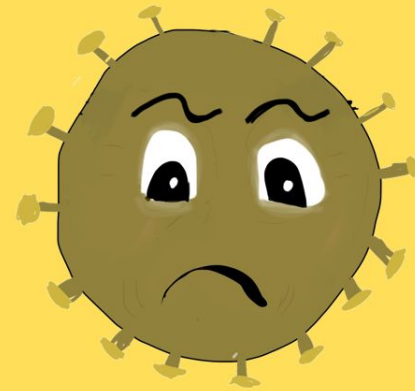
YAY!
ONCE AUNTIE IS IN A CROWD, I WILL GET MORE PEOPLE SICK.

But Natasha was clever.



Auntie, stay home if you feel ill. Anika and I will take care of you.

I DO NOT LIKE
MEAN NATASHA!



And Anika was even *more* clever.



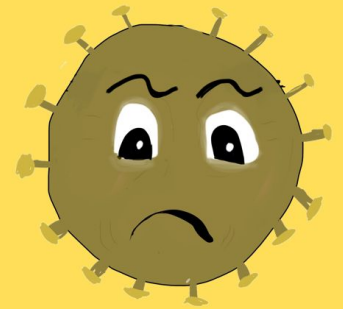
Please wear this mask

It keeps you from getting others ill.

Why? I am not a doctor.

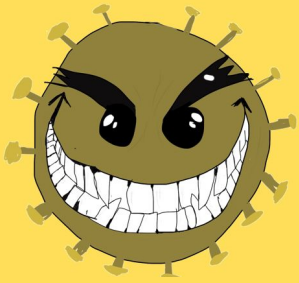
I do not want to get anyone sick. I will always wear it!

**YUCKY MASKS
STOP ME FROM FLYING!**



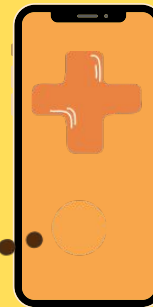
The next day, Cory made Auntie feel worse.



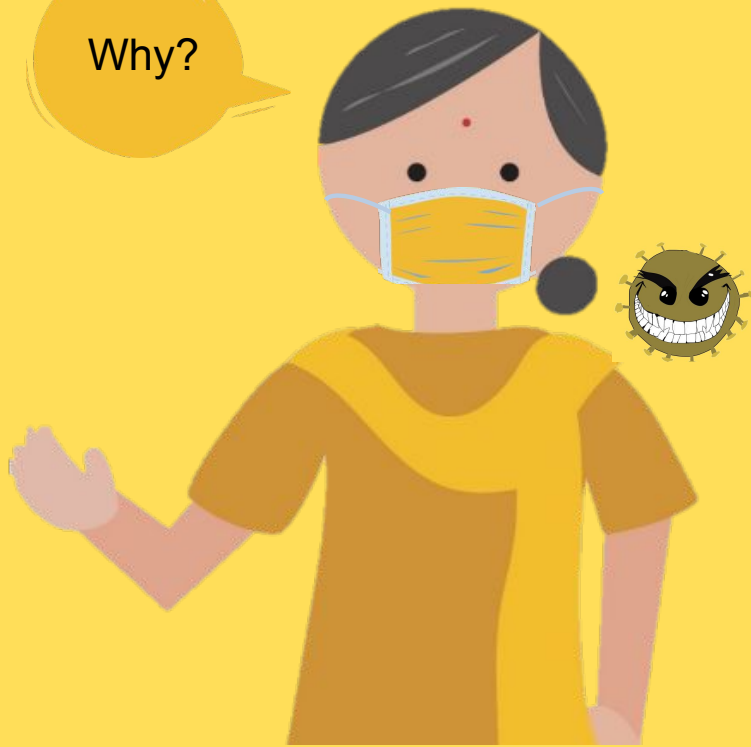


ONCE AUNTIE IS IN THE WAITING
AREA FOR THE DOCTOR, I WILL GET
EVERYONE SICK!
I WIN!

Auntie, I already called the
doctor's office. They said that if
you are not seriously ill, you
should stay home.



Why?



Many sick people go to the doctor. If you do not have COVID, you might catch it there.

ANIKA'S RIGHT!
I LOVE THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE!





But what if I
have trouble
breathing?



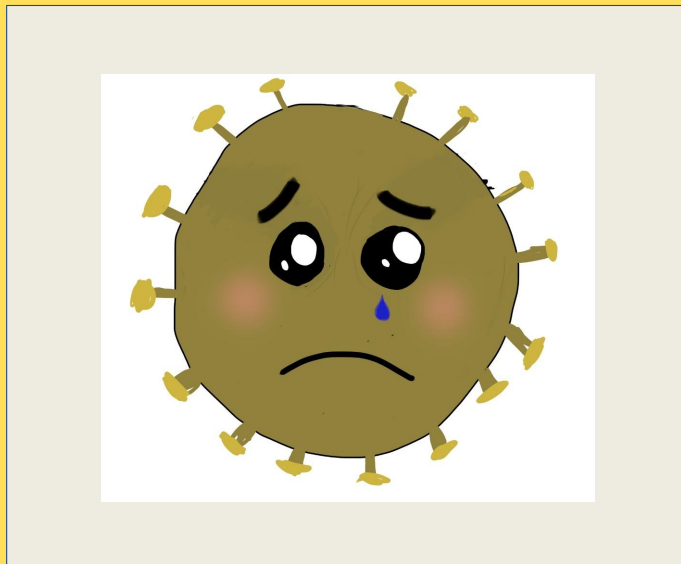
If you are seriously
ill, we will call again.
Then they will send
us to the right clinic.



The two girls took good care of their aunt for the next week. Soon, Auntie was better.



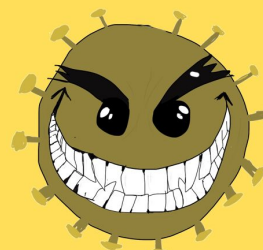
And Cory COVID was all gone!



I NEVER GOT ANYONE
SICK AGAIN. THIS IS THE
SADDEST STORY EVER.

SO REMEMBER THESE LESSONS FROM ME, CORY COVID:

- 1 COVID-19 spreads when someone ill coughs or sneezes.
- 2 Outside your home, always stay 2 meters away from other people.
- 3 Always cough and sneeze into your elbow.
- 4 Wash your hands with soap and water when you come home, before you prepare food or eat, after the toilet and after you cough or sneeze. Germs like Cory COVID hate soap!
- 5 If you think you may have COVID-19, stay home!
- 6 If you have trouble breathing, call the doctor. They will send you to the right clinic.



YOU DO NOT
WANT TO
HELP ME!

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